

---

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)  
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

---

**MEETING SUMMARY  
Thursday, November 3, 2005  
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room  
155 N. Occidental Blvd.-Los Angeles, CA 90026**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeff Bailey	Richard Browne*
Gordon Bunch*	David Giugni*
Lori Laubacher*	Miguel Martinez
Dani Mejia	Elizabeth Mendia*
Veronica Morales*	Daniel Rivas
Sophia Rumanes	Vanessa Talamantes
Kathy Watt	Tim Young

**ABSENT**

Diane Brown  
Manuel Cortez  
Michael Green  
Jeffrey King  
Ricki Rosales  
Richard Zaldivar\*\*

\* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

\*\*Denotes arrived after first roll call and left before closing roll call

**OAPP STAFF PRESENT**

Elizabeth Escobedo	Mike Janson	Vicki Lowe	John Mesta	Jane Rohde
	Martha T. Ruiz	Cheryl Williams		

**I. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken at 12:11 PM and a quorum was not present.

**II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION - "Emotional and Psychological Levels of Distress Among Transgender Women Seeking HIV Prevention Case Management Services"**

Dr. Rose Veniegas from the UCLA Center for HIV Identification Prevention and Treatment Services introduced Cathy J. Reback, Ph.D. Friends Research Institute, Van Ness Recovery House/Prevention Division and co-presenter Mely D. Silverio, Ph.D. who shared their results of the research project.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled "Emotional and Psychological Levels of Distress Among Transgender Women Seeking HIV Prevention Case Management Services" is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

**III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Motion #1:** The DRAFT November 3, 2005 PPC Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

**IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF October 6, 2005 MEETING SUMMARY**

**Motion #2:** The DRAFT October 6, 2005 PPC Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved by consensus.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Anthony Bongioro announced he is available to volunteer (up to 32 hours per week) for outreach and/or HIV/AIDS prevention.
- Victor Martinez, Bienestar Human Services, Bienestar will be conducting a Latina Woman's Conference on November 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne's Maternity Home.

- Victor Martinez, Bienestar Human Services, on December 1<sup>st</sup> World AIDS Day, Bienestar will be hosting “Unidos en Esperanza”. Mr. Martinez will be emailing out flyers.
- Crystal Del Toro, HIV Stops With Me, stressed the necessity of mental health support.
- Vicky Ortega, LAGLC, announced a Health in the Transgender Community Forum scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Flyers are on the back table.
- Vicky Ortega, LAGLC, announced an event titled “A Day of Remembrance” which will include a press conference on the steps of Los Angeles City Hall on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Day of Remembrance is November 20<sup>th</sup>, which is the date to commemorate transgender women and men who have passed away due to hate crimes.
- Vicky Ortega, LAGLC, encouraged those agencies who do not have funding for TSR but do have funding for other positions to look at the qualifications of transgender applicants. There are many degree qualified transgender women in the community.
- Susan Forrest, HIV Drug and Alcohol Task Force, announced an event on December 7<sup>th</sup> at CRI-HELP to network and meet each other. Flyers on the back table.
- Daniel, Latino Coalition on HIV and AIDS, announced a Latinas and HIV Summit on December 1<sup>st</sup> (World AIDS Day). Flyers on the back table.

#### **VI. PRESENTATION – “METHAMPHETAMINE USE AMONG MSM RECEIVING HIV PREVENTION SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY”**

Presented by Mike Janson, OAPP, who shared FROM FINDINGS FROM THE countywide Risk Assessment Survey.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled “Methamphetamine use Among MSM Receiving HIV Prevention Services in Los Angeles County” is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

#### **VII. PRESENTATION – “TRENDS OF AMPHETAMINE (METH) USE BY CLIENTS TESTING AT LAGLC’S HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING PROGRAM BETWEEN 2001 AND 2004”**

Presented by Paula Ameozola, LAGLC, who shared her findings and a report that was generated from the results of client interviews conducted at LAGLC’s counseling and testing sites from 2001 through 2004.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled “Trends of Amphetamine (Meth) Use by Clients Testing at LAGLC’s HIV Counseling and Testing Program Between 2001 and 2004” is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

There was a lengthy discussion on the topic of Crystal Meth. Later in the meeting, a motion was approved to form a PPC Crystal Meth Task Force.

#### **VIII. BREAK**

#### **IX. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

- Vanessa Talamantes announced Michael Green and Ricki Rosales are at the statewide CHPG Meeting.
- Vanessa Talamantes announced the Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Annual Planning Meeting has been extended from a two-day planning meeting to a three-day planning meeting (in two parts). An All Day Planning Meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne’s and the continuation (two-days) of the Annual Planning Meeting will be held in January, 2006.
- **Motion #3:** Open Nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair (to replace Vanessa Talamantes who will term out on December 31, 2005).
  - **Kathy Watt** – nominated by Gordon Bunch and seconded by Elizabeth Mendia. Motion passed by consensus and nominations remain open for 30 days.

**X. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIR REPORT** –Sophia Rumanes reported:

- OAPP is hosting a World AIDS Day Event on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion with the theme of “Keeping The Promise”. Invitations were mailed last week.
- OAPP had a site visit from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in November for Project I of the AHP Initiative, which includes four (4) partners [T.H.E. Clinic, Los Angeles Free Clinic, LAC/USC and Clinica Oscar Romero] doing routine HIV Rapid Testing in Clinical Care settings, to assess the feasibility and acceptability of Rapid Testing in these clinics.
- The State of California had a 3-Day (October 18-October 20) Coordinators Meeting with all of the state funded HIV Counseling and Testing providers focusing mostly on Rapid Testing. OAPP would like to coordinate a forum for OAPP-funded testing programs to learn from each other and provide technical assistance.

**XI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Operations** –Veronica Morales reported the Operations Subcommittee is working on the Mentoring Program Plans, Youth Leadership Institute and recommend a slate of candidates (Hendricks, Brandon, Samone, Kieffer and Ortega) for PPC membership.

**Motion #4:** Veronica Morales placed a motion on the floor to recommend the following slate of candidates for PPC Membership and Kathy Watt seconded the motion.

<b>MOTION #4a:</b> Recommend Sabel Samone for PPC Membership	<b>Ayes:</b> Bailey, Browne, Bunch, Giugni, Laubacher, Mejia, Mendia, Morales, Rivas, Rumanes, Talamantes, Watt, Young, Zaldivar <b>Opposed:</b> None <b>Abstentions:</b> Martinez	<b>MOTION PASSED</b> <b>Ayes:</b> 14 <b>Opposed:</b> 0 <b>Abstentions:</b> 1
<b>MOTION #4b:</b> Recommend Phil Hendricks for PPC Membership	<b>Ayes:</b> Bailey, Browne, Bunch, Giugni, Laubacher, Martinez, Mejia, Mendia, Morales, Rivas, Rumanes, Talamantes, Watt, Young, Zaldivar <b>Opposed:</b> None <b>Abstentions:</b> None	<b>MOTION PASSED</b> <b>Ayes:</b> 15 <b>Opposed:</b> 0 <b>Abstentions:</b> 0
<b>MOTION #4c:</b> Recommend Regina Brandon for PPC Membership	<b>Ayes:</b> Bailey, Browne, Bunch, Giugni, Laubacher, Martinez, Mejia, Mendia, Morales, Rivas, Rumanes, Talamantes, Watt, Zaldivar <b>Opposed:</b> None <b>Abstentions:</b> Young	<b>MOTION PASSED</b> <b>Ayes:</b> 14 <b>Opposed:</b> 0 <b>Abstentions:</b> 1
<b>MOTION #4d:</b> Recommend Vicky Ortega for PPC Membership	<b>Ayes:</b> Browne, Bunch, Giugni, Laubacher, Martinez, Mejia, Mendia, Morales, Rivas, Rumanes, Talamantes, Watt, Young, Zaldivar <b>Opposed:</b> None <b>Abstentions:</b> Bailey	<b>MOTION PASSED</b> <b>Ayes:</b> 14 <b>Opposed:</b> 0 <b>Abstentions:</b> 1
<b>MOTION #4e:</b> Recommend J. Russell Kieffer for PPC Membership	<b>Ayes:</b> Bailey, Browne, Bunch, Giugni, Laubacher, Martinez, Mejia, Mendia, Morales, Rivas, Rumanes, Talamantes, Watt, Young, Zaldivar <b>Opposed:</b> None <b>Abstentions:</b> None	<b>MOTION PASSED</b> <b>Ayes:</b> 15 <b>Opposed:</b> 0 <b>Abstentions:</b> 0

- **Evaluation** – Gordon Bunch reported the first half of the last meeting was spent meeting jointly with the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee to discuss the proposed Behavioral Risk Groups (BRG) meetings. There was considerable discussion regarding the prior BRG Meetings (i.e. format of meetings, alterations to previous BRG meeting format, consider what groups of people we would want to consider opening those work groups up to). The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the responses/outcome to the Heterosexual Men at Sexual Risk Surveys administered by the Evaluation Subcommittee. Of the seventeen (17) agencies that participated in the interviews, fifteen (15) of the agencies did offer some type of service to heterosexual men at sexual risk as part of their women at sexual risk program.
- **Standards and Best Practices-** Jeff Bailey reported Standards and Best Practices spent the first ½ of their meeting with the Evaluation Subcommittee to discuss the pending BRG Meetings. HIV Counseling and Testing Task Force provided an update on the Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) and there is a discussion in the Counseling and Testing field around a home based HIV test.

There was a discussion on the high rates of HIV infection in the African-American Male community as indicated in the June, 2005 MMWR Weekly publication. The Standards and Best Practices have made a recommendation to present a letter to the HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) for a call to action regarding this issue.

- XII. MOTION #5:** Motion to extend meeting for 5 minutes was put on the floor by Vanessa Talamantes. Motion passed by consensus.

**XIII. STANDING REPORTS**

- **Commission on HIV Services** – Kathy Watt reported the bulk of the discussion at the last Commission on HIV meeting was regarding Medicare Part D. Reauthorization has not happened.
- **HIV Epidemiology** – Gordon Bunch reported over 14,000 code based cases of HIV infection and there is a fairly significant move toward names based reporting of HIV cases. This year nothing has been passed at the legislative level.
- **City of Long Beach DHHS**- No Report
- **City of West Hollywood** – David Giugni reported the City of West Hollywood no longer receives funding for Social Marketing Campaigns through Los Angeles County. The City of West Hollywood is currently working on World AIDS Day Events. Approximately ½ million people showed up for the West Hollywood Halloween Festival.
- **City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinators Office**- No Report
- **STD Program** – Lori Laubacher reported the STD Mobile Testing Unit has been requested to be deployed to New Orleans. Currently, there are no STD clinics in New Orleans. One of the staff from the STD Mobile Testing unit is going to the bathhouses five days a week. A report has been released indicating Los Angeles has approximately 1/3 of all Syphilis cases in the State of California, a 20% increase over last year and 60% of the cases are HIV infected.
- **ADPA** – Richard Browne reported Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide treatment services (residential and outpatient services) to reunite families through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

**XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Motion #6:** Tim Young placed a motion on the floor to develop a work group/ad-hoc task force to specifically address the Crystal Meth issue and Kathy Watt seconded the motion.
  - Motion passed by consensus and the Task Force will meet on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at OAPP.
- Tim Young announced the YaBasta Coalition Meeting at 10:00 AM on November 9<sup>th</sup> at The Wall Las Memorias.
- Miguel I. [REDACTED] announced the next HIV Youth Coalition of Los Angeles County Meeting will include 5 research project presentations.
- Vanessa Talamantes announced November 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day to submit names to be unveiled on World AIDS Day on The Wall Las Memorias monument.
- Elizabeth Mendia requested to adjourn the meeting in remembrance of the twenty-five (25) identified “transpersons” that were killed in hate related incidents between November 20, 2004 to-date.
- Jeff Bailey announced the launch of the “HIV/AIDS Stops With Me Campaign” hopefully on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Pearl (on Robertson and San Vicente).
- Jeff Bailey provided a brief update on UCHAPS.
- Kathy Watt announced the HIV Drug and Alcohol Task Force conducted a six-hour HIV and Aging and a Substance Abuse Training on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Vanessa Talamantes requested a moment of silence and to adjourn in remembrance of the 25 individuals that passed away during the last year.

**XV. CLOSING ROLL CALL**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm**

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

<b>MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY</b>		
<b>MOTION #1:</b> Approve the Agenda order.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	<b>Motion Passed</b>
<b>MOTION # 2:</b> Approve the Meeting Summary from the October 6, 2005 Meeting.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	<b>Motion Passed</b>
<b>MOTION #3:</b> Open nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair	<i>Kathy Watt nominated</i>	<b>Nominations Open for 30 Days</b>
<b>MOTION #4:</b> Recommend slate of candidates for PPC Membership	<i>Passed by Consensus See detailed motion on Page 3</i>	<b>Motion Passed</b>
<b>MOTION #5:</b> Approve the Extension of the meeting for 5 minutes.	<i>Passes by Consensus</i>	<b>Motion Passed</b>
<b>MOTION #6:</b> Develop a work group/ad-hoc task force of the PPC to specifically address the Crystal Meth epidemic.	<i>Passes by Consensus</i>	<b>Motion Passed</b>
<b>KEY DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
<b>DISCUSSION #7:</b> Replicate Rapid Testing Presentation (conducted on October 18-October 20 by State of California) "on how targeted prevention is important" by Deana Sykes to testing providers and perhaps sharing the presentation with other partners including the Commission on HIV.		

**NOTE:** All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.